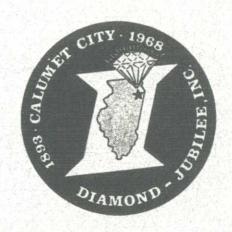
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Jubilee Message

As Mayor of Calumet City, it is my privilege to extend to all who participate in the Diamond Jubilee a sincere welcome and a wish that the friendships and fellowship found during this celebration continue through the years.

Calumet City is proud of its residents, schools, commercial and industrial enterprises. It is on the verge of being the greatest commercial center in the Calumet Region.

It is fitting that this emergence as a leader among communities in the South Cook County area should be marked by the 75th birthday of our city.

On behalf of the city council and the citizens of Calumet City I wish to thank the Diamond Jubilee Committee and those who helped with this monumental task of organizing, planning, and completing the plans of this celebration.

To the citizens of Calumet City, I wish them the best in good health and prosperity and commend them for their cooperation and enthusiasm in taking part in the Diamond Jubilee celebration. Calumet City will continue to grow and we look forward to a successful centennial celebration -- God willing.

Sincerely, Joseph W. Nowak Mayor of Calumet City



History of Calumet City



Indians Hunt, Fish In Calumet Area

Forests, marshes and prairies bordered by two rivers covered the nine square miles of land that were to someday become the thriving, bustling community we know in 1968 as Calumet City.

This section of the Calumet Region was the natural haunt of the water fowl, wild ducks, mud hens, crane and geese. These were found in the sloughs. where the wild rice and celery grew.

Trappers and hunters were attracted to the area after it was opened by French exploration in the 1600's. many years before the community was incorporated in 1863.

Before this the Indian roamed the area and used the highland located along the Michigan City Road for overnight camps on the way from Joliet to Manistee, Michigan to secure salt for the winter.

The name Calumet comes from the world "Kalamick" meaning drainage forms or the Calumet Rivers. Indians used the Little Kalamick or Grand Kalamick to trap and fish. The Calumet River was especially attractive since it furnished so many muskrat and mink for fur, and so many fish and water fowl for food.

Michigan City Road was a major trail which, after leaving Hammond, where a major Indian village existed, it abandoned the Tolleston Beach area and turned sharply northward to an Indian village at Hegewisch.

Water sites were the locations of some settle ments. Of these, the one at Thornton wa most prominent and actually carried a name "The Chicago."

Robert LaSalle is known to have paddled down the Calumet River in his canoe to his camp at the end of the trail which is now known as Hohman Ave., in Hammond, Ind. It is reasonable assumption that LaSalle also explored the region just a few rods away which would have included the site of Calumet City.

There are not existing records that the area was settled by earlier homesteaders. However, evidence was found in the Sand Ridge area of a farm located there in the recent past (possibly from 1800). Bits of artifacts such as a bullet, glazed pottery, hog teeth, a piece of coal, and a coin dated 1823 support this contention.

Calumet City might have become a hamlet in Wisconsin had it not been for Judge Nathaniel Pope. All of Cook County was originally part of the ter-

History of Calumet City

ritory defined as the Northwest Territory. Jan., 1818 a petition was received from the territorial legislature of Illinois by Nathaniel Pope, the delegate in Congress, praying for admission of the territory into the union as an independent state.

Originally the northern line, drawn by Congress, would have given the site of Chicago, Calumet City and 14 northern counties to the Wisconsin Territory.

The state's future was saved by Pope who warned Northern Congressmen that Illinois would become a southern preslavery state if it were tied to the North by a harbor and a Lake Michigan coastline. The line north was then advanced to its present location.

The region's earliest inhabitants, the Indians, were not primarily farmers. They were semi-nomadic people who came from Asia across the land bridge now drowned by the Bering Strait.

These pre-historic Indians are known to have passed through the region as it provided a natural path for migration to warmer climates where burial mounds have been found.

Chert artifacts were found in the area of 158th St. and Paxton when excavating work was clearing land for the Sand Ridge Center. Chert is a dull colored flintlike quartz often found in limestone. Forest Preserve people believe that a pre-historic Indian site was located here.

In 1962 a salvage dig provided such identifiable objects as chert artifacts, post holes, broken chert pebbles, hammer stones and chert blades.

Two small arrowheads indicated that the site may have been used by people of the Mississipian culture Evidence of middle woodland 600 B. C. - 500 A. D. have been in Shabbona Woods west of Torrence.

A section of the woods provides excellent sources of information on the prairie lands and has been preserved in its natural habitat for forest rangery classes. Pioneer settler Albert Schrum donated a collection of Indian artifacts to the Forest Preserve district. All the items were found in the southeastern section of Calumet City by Schrum.

A small chipping station once used to make projectile points, was also uncovered in the Sand Ridge area during the salvage dig. The type of points and pot shreds found indicated it was a late woodland culture which inhabited the area between 800 and 1300 A.D.

The Green Lake Woods, across from River Oaks, still holds evidence of Indian lore. Arrows are still turned up here as well as in the Wentworth Woods section of the Forest Preserve along Wentworth Ave.

The tribes that made their way through Calumet City to Michigan to secure salt for the winter were of Algonquin origin. Their squaws cultivated small fields of beans, squash, tobacco and corn. The Indians who first inhabited the region were Potawatomi and they formed a loose federation with the Chippewas and Ottawa.

When early settlers arrived in Thornton Township they found ruins of Indian fortification and burial grounds just northwest of Wampum Lake at Kingery Expressway and Cottage Grove, southwest of Calumet City.

The Calumet and Thorn Creek country were favorite spots of the Indians. Here it was they had hunting grounds and held their councils. Sauk Trail Road was originally part of the Indian trail from the Mississippi River to Fort Detroit. Michigan City Road was another Indian trail used by the tribes in their seminomadic wanderings.

Min Indian villages were known to exist in Hegewisch and Wampum Lake with minor camps on the Grand Calumet and Little Calumet Rivers.

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Schrum Buys Farm Builds Pickle Empire

Among the first known settlers in what was to become Calumet City was Hans Johann Schrum, a German immigrant, who came to America from Schleswig Holstein, Germany in 1851.

He married Louise Schuringa in 1860 and in 1863 sold his farm in Coopers Grove, Ill., to settle in West Hammond. Before he was through, Hans was to own a total of 275 acres, and his interests expanded to more than farming.

The farm acreage was bounded by Michigan City Road on the north, State Line Street on the east, the Little Calumet River on the south and included what we know now as Wentworth Woods Shopping Center. Some of the acreage was purchased for \$17 per acre.

Hans and Louise had a hard working family of six boys and three girls, John Henry, Fred William, Peter Nicholas, William Thomas, Boyl Detrick, Claus Clauson, Dora, Magdelena and Bertha.

In addition to the farming, Hans and his sons started planting trees on a portion of the Schrum land. After the farming chores were finished, Hans and his sons would take the young trees to Hammond to sell.

Many of the Maple trees which adorn some of the lots in Hammond came from the Schrum farm.

Crops raised on the farm, including potatoes, and hay, were hauled to the market in Chicago by horse and wagon. Hay was taken to Grand Crossing, through the town of Hegewisch over Indiana Ridge Road and sold for three dollars a wagon load.

The next Schrum enterprise was the Calumet Dairy. The work at the dairy went from sun-up til sun-down, milking, delivering, taking care of the cows and the barn.

Milk was delivered to the households in five gallon milk cans and pitchers were used to measure out the milk into the housewive's bowls at five cents a quart.

Blocks of ice were cut from the Little Calumet River and brought to the ice house to keep the milk fresh and cool. This building later became the first building in the Schrum Pickle Works. The Schrums had the first all white dairy trucks in the area. To keep white milk wagons sparkling, the boys would wash them in the Little Calumet River, which was a fast moving, clear water stream at that time.

The Schrums sold the dairy to Klitze's Dairy, better known now as the Borden Company Dairy on Clinton St., in Hammond, Ind.

When daughter Magedelena married C.S. Claussen, one of the Claussen pickle men from Chicago, all of the Schrum boys ventured into the pickle business. The company became known as the Calumet Pickle works.

Only John Henry Schrum remained a farmer on the Shcrum land. The pickle business venture was begun in 1903. In 1904 the Schrums began delivering their pickles and sauerkraut. The boys had a retail business from then until World War II ended. The products they made and delivered included dill and sweet pickles, relish, catsup, sauerkraut, hot and sweet peppers, horseradish, piccalilli and onions.

Eventually the Schrum boys purchased trucks to make deliveries to stores in Gary, East Chicago, Whiting, Hammond, Calumet City, Hessville, Tolleston and sometimes South Chicago.

The Schrum boys were enterprising in many ways. Peter invented a cultivator. He exhibited considerable artisite talent and his pencil sketches are prized family heirlooms.

After World War II, the first pickle company was dissolved. An original building of this company still stands. Today three sons of Peter N. Schrum run the pickle factory. They are Paul, Peter and John.

As the thirties marched across the calendar the Schrum family decided to sell some of the large tract of land, which had been in the family since before the turn of the century.

The woodland area was sold to the Forest Preserve of Cook County. Today only the brick home in which Mary Tapper Schrum lives is still in the Shcrum family. All other parts of the land have been sold. Peter Nicholas, Fred William, John Henry and Claus Clauson sold their shares of land to the Shirley Wood, and Gold Coast Real Estate Companies.

The children of Hans and Louisa received schooling in the Paririe School, the first school in this section of the town. It was located at the corner of 159th St. and Burnham Ave, the site of a package liquor store today. The street was better known then as "Old Indiana Trail."

The children of Peter Nicholas and Mary Tapper attended the Globe School some two miles away from the homestead. The building still stands today at the corner of River Drive and River Oaks Drive, right next to the shopping center.

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All eight grades were taught in the one room school house. Later as more settlers came to this section of town, another room was added on to the school.

Hans Schrum not only tried to set each son up in his own farm business, but also tried to build a house for each of his sons as they married. Before he could finish this last task, he died in 1905 at the age of 71.

Hans Johann was not the only member of the Schrum' family to own large portions of land in the south end of town. Hans' brother, Peter Nicholas also settled here and eventually owned farm land extending from the river, to and including, where the present Hoover School now stands.



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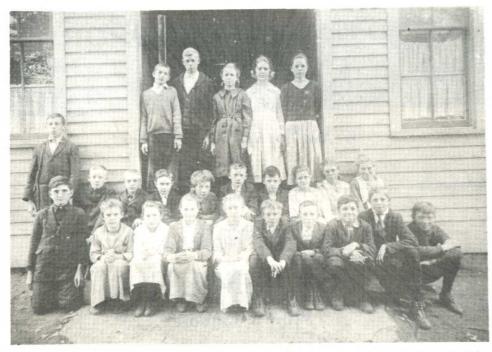
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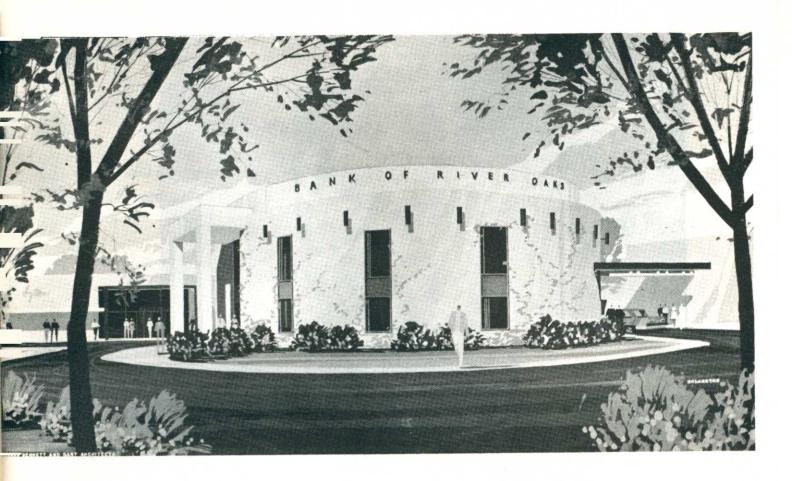
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Children of Peter Nicholas Schrum, left, Fred Henry, Esther Magdelena, Louisa Antoinette, John Frederick, Paul William and Peter Nicholas, Jr., seated.



Globe School picture in 1920 included classes fifth through eighth. Esther M. Schrum is third from left, first row.



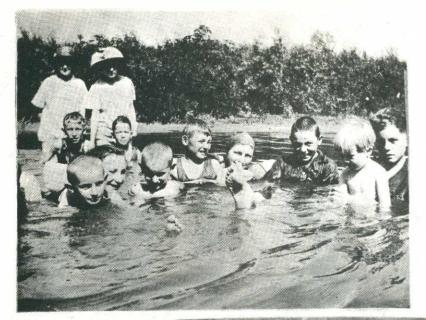
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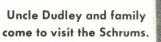
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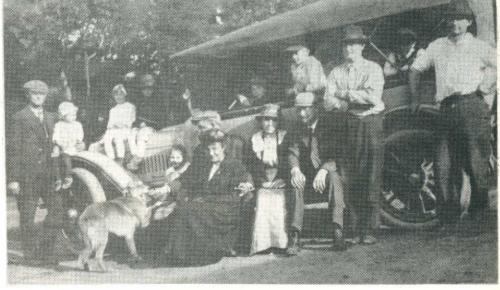
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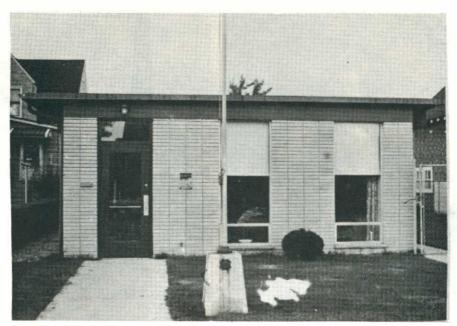
Swimming in the Little Calumet in the 1920's.

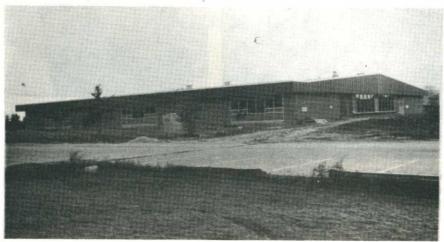




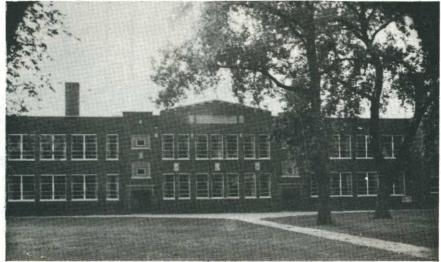


A Stanley Steamer brought Uncle Boyd Dietrick and family for a visit to the Schrum farm.





Two new schools in Calumet City are the Calumet City School of Special Education, step, built completely with donations of labor unions, community businesses and organizations and private individuals; bottom school is the latest addition to District 157 named Hoover West. It brings kindergarten to the south section of the city for the first time.



Lincoln School originally called Sobieski in 1928 is one of thirteen schools in Calumet City. Turn to page 120 for other schools.



William T. Schrum, son of Hans Johann Schrum met his bride, Elizabeth Wiegand, while making his deliveries on the Schrum milkroute. The picture was taken on their wedding day.



Mr. and Mrs. Peter Schrum on their 50th wedding anniversary March 14, 1901.



Schrum homes and pickle factory. Hans Johann Schrum built the two homes in center and far right. Also the pickle factory which can be barely seen behind the trees at the left.

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Among other first families settling in Calumet City were the Conways, Downs, Croissant, Dahlman, Meyers, Hoffman, Pike, Tanis, Kratz, Reel, Lesmeister, Magnusson and Workman. Richard Workman purchased government land at Liberty, Ill. (159th and Torrence -- site of River Oaks Shopping Center) after living as a boy in Dolton.

He became the areas' first grower of sugar beets and initiated the onion growing industry which reached quite a remarkable output by 1918. Workman married a daughter of Peter Schrum, another pioneer settler.

To the north, John G. W. Freitag settled on land bought from the Douglas Estate with a friend known as Landvorsicht.

The year was 1868 and Freitag acquired 110 acres extending from the Calumet River to 152nd St. This long northward strip spanned the width from Price St. on the west to Lincoln Ave. on the east.

Freitag farmed the land until Sept. 1879, when he divided the land into lots which became known as "Freitag's subdivision."

Later, four other sections of his land were developed, the last being recorded as Freitag's Third Oak Grove addition, Nov. 10, 1905.

With the sub-dividing of the Schrum and Freitag land the "pioneer stage" ended.

The period after the Civil War showed a flurry of industrial activity in the Calumet Region. Along with the industry and agricultural expansion came the emigrants from Europe who had been displaced by the cultural, social and political changes of the times. Th area grew unsteadily -- spurting ahead in booms and falling back again during the busts.

In 1869 a "nuisance industry", the G. N. Hammond Packing Company, selected a site few hundred yards to the northeast of the present location of State and State Line Ave., because it was not wanted elsewhere. The choice of this location was determined largely by the need for ice in large amounts. Hammond and Caleb Ines purchased 15 acres of land from Ernst and Caroline Hohman for \$750.

The site across the river from the Hohman Inn consisted of acreage that would front on the present State Line. Twenty-three acres were later added at a cost of \$2,287 in 1873.

The plant was first called State Line Slaughter House and had a payroll of 18 persons. In 1890 the name was changed to G. N. Hammond and Company after English hands took over.

Besides slaughtering, the plant also made butterine, the forerunner of olemargarine.

During the same era other industries developed in Hammond, Ind., which brought swarms of native Americans and emigrants to the area.

By 1901 Inland Steel had expanded so that its Chicago plant had to be enlarged. Fifty acres of land were offered in East Chicago, Ind. In 1874 the J. M. Hirsch albumen factory was built on a site near the Hohman Street bridge. This later became the Hirsch, Stein and Company which moved its operations to Calumet City. Simplex Railway Appliance Company was founded in 1898 and in 1905 it became the American Steel Foundries.

As the result of this industrial development in the area known as West Hammond and Hammond itself caused the swing of development west across the State Line. Residential neighborhoods sprang up on sandy knolls. On the north and south knolls cottages sprang up like mushrooms. They all had their well kept gardens, flower beds and shade trees. At sunset the dingling of cowbells, from home coming herds, added enchantment of the scene, and seemed to be the only pleasing disturbance that ever occurred to mar the quietude and contentment of the industrious inhabitants.

It was at this time that a German settlement was being established on the far north and west of the packing plant area. In the middle section along Pulaski Road came a group of Polish immigrants. As in previous settlement patterns, the Polish built their homes on highland.

They called their hamlet "Sobieski" after the famous Polish general who defeated the Turks at the battle of Khotin in 1673.

In 1891 Adam Stachowicz, Harvey D. Reed and Grover Stevens of Chicago opened up the first subdivision in the central portion of the city, consisting of 320 acres. By mutual agreement they donated and deeded 48 lots to the St. Andrew Benevolent Society with Adam Stachowicz making the presentation.

The land later came under dispute and was finally adjudicated through the efforts of Archbishop Patrick A. Feeman. The deed was given to the Bishop of Chicago. The Archdoicese of Chicago purchased the rest of the entire block on which the parish stands today for \$10,000.



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1914 Graduating class from St. John Lutheran School. Bertha Peschke is seated on the floor in the center.



Horses and carriages filled with German residents dressed for a "masque ball" traversed the village to

publicize the social event. William Helmcke far right in white cape.

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Lutheran Church, School Established

On vacant land consisting of marshes and sand hills the first Germans built their homes. Bernhard Peschke came to West Hammond from Lipzeg, Germany in 1880. Most of the Germans worked in West Hammond's major industry the Hammond Packing Company.

Peschke was employed by the railroad. He built his home at 403 Plummer St., raised 11 children and died there.

He was one of the founders of the St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church. The German settlers met in the the schoolhouse, Douglas School, on August 14, 1887, with Rev. Dietz of Lansing as presiding officer and proposed to form their own church. Rev. Dietz alternated with Rev. Moack of Dolton in performing services each week at the school house.

On December 9, 1888 a meeting was called to formally organize the congregation. Eleven men attended this meeting. They were Carl Linder, H. Leber, M. Neubert, A. Mayer, R. Knott, P. Kork, W. Gehrke, F. Rohroein, N. Schultz and P. Richman.

H. Leber was the first president, A. Mayer the treasurer and Carl Linder the secretary. Elders and trustees were also elected at the first meeting. In November of that year Rev. Herzberger of Hegewisch had take sole charge of the group.

In the years 1889-1890 a number of new industries located in Hammond and these attracted many other German immigrants so that the north end of town had grown to the extent that by 1894, the group purchased three lots located at Harding and Gordon Streets for \$600 for the purpose of erecting a church.

The church was contructed of wood for the sum of \$839.96 and was dedicated on Aug. 9, 1891. In 1903 a committee was delegated to select a new church site and the present St. John Church was dedicated on April 22, 1906 on land that consisted of three lots, one donated by Freitag and the adjoining two purchased for \$300.

The Lutheran School established by the church continued parochial school instruction, including the German language until sometime in the late 40's. It was here and in the Douglas School Building that

the eleven children of Bernhard Peschke received their education.

In 1896 Germans eager to maintain the culture and music of their homeland formed the Hammond Saengerbund Fidelia. They met each week in fellowship, sang the old familiar songs, gave concerts, masked balls and were the center of the German social circle.

The group meets to this day at the Calumet Memorial Legion Post 330 and still includes Germans fresh from the fatherland in their circle.

A picnic grove stood on the property now housing the family home of Pesche's daughter Rose and William Helmcke, 425 Garfield. The family home is now 75 years old.

Three of Pesche's children are still living, Willaim, Bertha and Linda. Other children were Martha, Lena, a set of twin girls Rose and Mary, Frieda, Clara, Edwin and Mae.

Rose married a riding master from Lippedetmold, Germany, William Helmcke, Helmcke trained riders for the Kaiser and when he came to America he established the Calumet Riding Academy on the south end of the city at Michigan City Road, which he operated till his death in 1950.

"Schlacktefest" or sausage festival was a big feast among Germans who got together, butchered hogs, made sausage and then held a big feast. Each German get-together was preceded with a parade of horses and buggies circling the area announcing the event. Spotlighted in these parades was William Helmcke with his fine horses.

A fire station, city hall and city jail were all built on the far north end of the city in the German Settlement. Descendants of the Peschke and Helmcke family can remember the old medicine shows visiting the community with performances held in tents erected at the intersection of Wentowrth and Garfield.

All three children of Rose and William Helmcke live in the community, William Helmcke II, Lillian Helmcke and Mrs. William (Gretchen) Adank.

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Bertha and Bernhard Peschke wedding picture July 5, 1884.



Bernhard Peschke settled in West Hammond and raised a family of 11 children.



Marie Peschke, 18, in a dress she wore to a masked ball in 1907.



William Helmchke trained riders for Kaiser's army in Germany.

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Poles Name Village Sobieski – Build Church

In 1890 the population of the village of West Hammond, Schrumsville, Prairieville or Sobieski, as the various sections were known, was so negligible that the U. S. Census Bureau did not record statistics for that year.

In the Sobieski section, polish residents lived in a pastoral setting. Cottages were built on sandy knolls. Each home was surrounded by a vegetable garden. Colorful flowers and shade trees blended with the "wildwood" of the marshes and prairie

The residents raised cows, ducks, chickens and geese for the table. Those that could not afford a cow tended herds for others.

The packing house provided wages for the immigrant settlers and their youngsters. William Kallas, 328-156th St. can remember working for \$3 a week in the slaughter house at the age of 13. While wages were low, prices were also low. A housewife could bring home and armload of groceries for \$1. The family garden supplied the rest of the food.

When the Little Calumet River overflowed it brought with it live fish. As the water receded the fish were trapped in low marshy pools. Members of the Pete Soczyk family remember setting out fishing lines from the porch of the home on 154th pl.

In the center of the Polish settlement stood the bulwark of faith, which was to remain the center of activity to this day, St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Today it serves 1,200 families.

Its humble beginning was in a wooden chapel in 1891. A priest visiting the Adam Stachowicz family built the little chapel with donations from the families, who contributed \$5 each for its construction.

This little chapel was demolished by a severe wind storm and the first permanent church was started. The cornerstone for the first permanent church was laid on Oct. 27, 1891 and on Feb. 25, 1892 mass was held in the new church. Its site was some 48 lots at the corner of 155th Pl. and Lincoln Ave. At that time the only seven families lived in the immediate area of the church.

Many families in Chicago owned land in the vicinity of the new church and the population began increasing in Sobieski , as that portion of the village was known.

On June 13 a tornado tore the new church asunder. Grief stricken parishoners began picking up the pieces of their once lovely church. Undaunted, the Polish speaking pioneers set about again building a new church and on Oct. 1, 1892, workmen repaired the damaged foundation and set about planning the new

structure, a brick building. The new church was dedicated on May 14, 1893, just three months after the village was incorporated under the laws of the state of Ilinois.

A long awaited school building was delayed until the fall of 1893 because the church was out of funds. As funds were accumulated a frame school house was constructed and classes began in Jan., 1894 with 64 children enrolled. By December of that year the enrollment increased to 78 students.

The first teacher was Mary Lobodzinski. Nuns were not introduced into the parish until 1895. During Father Nowakowski's term as pastor a Polish nass and the Polish language were introduced in the school.

Oct. 23, 1901 a fire swept through the buildings of the G. H. Hammond meat packing plant on the far north end of the community. Local fire companies were assisted by those from South Chicago and Hammond. Four acres of building were destroyed totaling \$500,000 and 1,800 employees found themselves out of work. At the same time a strike at the W. B. Conkey Company further threatened to cripple the area economically.

All sections of the city were affected by the double tragedy and people began moving back to Chicago, seeking employment.

In St. Andrew parish, out of some 400 families belonging to the church only 200 remained. Somehow the community reeled back onto an even keel as the remaining citizens were absorbed into other industries.

In 1908 the Sisters of Nazareth asked and were given permission to take over the teaching duties at St. Andrew. The enrollment increased to such proportions that a two-story frame addition was built onto the school house.

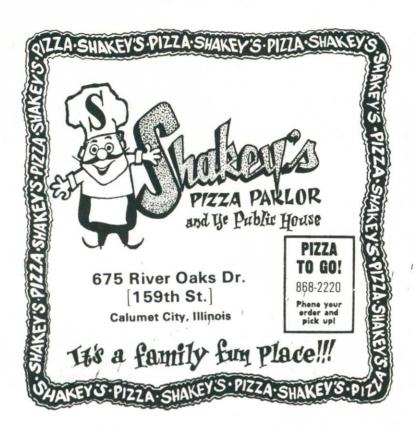
In 1911 a beautiful brick building was erected to provide a home for the sisters. Before that the nuns lived in the private homes of the parishoners.

In 1914 a new school was built and the reactory

was constructed for a total of \$100,000.

In 1918 another tragedy stuck St. Andrew parish. The church was destroyed by fire due to defective wiring. Heavily debt ridden, the parish could not undertake the building of the church at that immediate time. The school had a finished basement that doubled as an auditorium and masses were said there.

Plans were started to build the new edifice in 1929 and the church was finally dedicated in October of



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Although the hamlet of Schrumsville, Sobieski, or West Hammond had only 500 residents in 1892, considerable talk circulated in the hamlet that it should have a central government. Positive steps were taken and a meeting called.

On Jan. 9, 1893 the people within the village limits met and decided to incorporate. Necessary legal steps were taken and the village was incorporated under the public statutes of the state of Illinois. On Feb. 13,1893 the first village election was held.

John Hessler became the first village president. Chalres D. Linder was elected village clerk and appointed treasurer. Trustees included August Mayer, Henry Leber, Henry Neckel, Adam Stachowicz, M. Jaranowski and Richard Zimmerman. A. F. Knotts, mayor of Hammond and developer of Calumet industry, became the first village attorney.

Elections for president, clerk and half of the trustees were conducted annually. This made for a spirited political picture as one campaign was completed and another started.

The only official elected for a period of more than two years was the police magistrate. This office was created in 1903 and the term was four years.

Adam Stachowicz, village trustee, developer of the first subdivision in Calumet City, was credited with the securing of the first postal sub-station for the village in 1898.

At the time of the G. H. Hammond Company fire in 1901 the village had only one fire department. It wasn't until 1902 that a second fire station was built at the corner of Freeland and 154th Pl., the site now of the Faith Bailey Health Center.

In the same year Engnice Greely reported that it would be impossible to drain the district by a gravity sewer unless the south end of the village could be raised by filling to a depth of six to 10 feet. Residents of the village who lived along State Line petitioned the board of trustees to take steps to open the street from Sibley to State St.

In 1909 the West Hammond Brewing Company was incorporated. It had moved from Crown Point, Ind., where it had operated under another name. Covering an area of nearly two acres, the brick structure, with what was considered the latest equipment, produced both lager and near beer.

Officers of the corporation were Richard Winkler, president; C. H. Mayer, vice-president and manager; Henry Lindner, secretary and treasurer and

Frank Fonda as brew master.

The village had no public improvements. There were no streets, nor were there any sidewalks. In 1902 a two story brick building was built and was known as the Village Hall and jail. This was located on Wentworth Ave., about 100 feet south of State St.

Water mains and hydrants to supply water for domestic and fire protection were finally laid in nearly every street in the village, says a 1902 ordinance book. Streets were laid out and wooden sidewalks constructed. A main sewer was laid in Lincoln Ave., and a lateral sewer connected in State St.

"One of the greatest improvements accomplished," says the 1902 book," was the construction of an electric light plant for lighting public streets and buildings. The first electric light plant provided for street lights only.

In 1902 the population rose to 3,500 persons.



Mr. and Mrs. John Mamaj, parents of Anna Giczewski, opened the first bakery in the village of Sobieski in 1898.

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With the Globe School on the far south side as the only means of schooling the village children, residents on the far north realized that other facilities must be built. In 1897 the village decided to erect a school building at the corner of Sibley and Freeland Ave., and named it Douglas School.

A building bond issue approved by the voters provided a brick building to replace the wooden

structure at a cost of \$12,000.

The first teacher was Adelaide Walker. She was employed for ten months of the year at a salary of \$55 per month. Three other teachers were added, Sara M. Layton at a salary of \$50 a month; O. V. Huntley, male teacher, \$75 per month and Lydia Louks \$50 a month. Joe Neugebauer was the janitor and received \$25 per month.

Prior to the building of the school, rental of \$15 a month was paid for a residential structure used as a school house was noted in the records only as being

on Ingraham Ave.

Later records showed the district rented two rooms on Ingraham, had the new school known as Douglas on grounds at Freeland and Sibley and rented space in Burnham at a cost of \$7 a month.

The problem of running three school buildings led the board to petition the school trustees to divide the district. Burnham became a separate school district.

Among amusing notations in old minute books of the district showed a teacher's request for soap for the school in Burnham as some children were not coming to school in a very clean condition. A notice went to all the homes in 1900 asking parents to check children as numerous cases of lice had been noticed.

Diptheria and other diseases called for fumigation of the schools. One graduation exercise was dampened when two children came down with the illness. A total of six children graduated that year.

The total faculty in the district rose to six in 1900 and electricity was installed in both districts to light the schools.

A truant officer was hired in 1900 at the rate of \$5 per month as there seemed to be "quite a number of children about in the village while school was in session."

Board members serving in the district in 1900 included Charles Mayer, president; Fred Siegrist, secretary and members Samuel Burnham, U. Strafford, R. G. Stuhr and J. Rohnvedder.

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House movers brought many large homes across the State Line from Hammond. One of the movers is the father of local contractor Zygmont Jocha.

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Giczewski – Inventor, Businessman, Politician

Numerous persons have left an indelible mark in Calumet City. Among these was John Giczewski, who in his 57 years of residency built a successful business, took part in government, politics and displayed spirit and imagination.

Born on Christmas Day, 1869 in Poland, John Giczewski traveled in many countries and cities

before settling in Calumet City.

His imagination and interest in mechanical things resulted the patenting of numerous inventions. One invention relating to railroad joints was purchased by H. C. Weigert for \$25,000.

Giczewski first came to America at the age of 16. He landed in Baltimore, Maryland. From there he went to Memphis, Tenn. His travels took him to Menominee, Mich. and Marionette, Wis., where he worked as a lumberjack.

A whim took him to South America to look for new ventures. He lived for a time in Lima, Peru. From there he made his way north again and eventually his travels led to Chicago.

In Chicago he met Anna Mamaj, married and worked for the Crane Company. He designed several types of valves for the company which became a part of the stock items the firm manufactured.

Search for other types of employment brought him to the Simplex Company in Hammond and eventually to settling in Calumet City. He worked for a time in his father-in-law's bakery, 117-155th Pl. Giczewski opened his first grocery store on 155th Pl.

He then acquired land on the northeast corner of 155th St. and opened his second grocery store. He eventually owned three of the corners at 155th St. and Wentworth. In 1908 he sold the grocery to John Nowicki and opened a general merchandising store on the northwest corner of the intersection. The southwest corner became a gas station. His desire to own all four corners of the intersection never came true.

He was one of the founders of the St. John the King Society of the Polish National Alliance Group 252, named after General John Sobieski, Polish king and general.

He organized the Sobieski Building and Loan Association and helped establish the West Hammond Savings Bank.

Giczewski ran for office of village trustee in 1909. Later he became alderman under Mayor John Wosczynski.

Giczewski is credited with starting the late John Jaranowski on his career in politics. Jaranowski worked on a coffee route amd made frequent visits to the Giczewski store where conversations turned to politics.

Giczewski also became acquainted with a shoestring salesman who later established a dry goods business in Calumet City, Sam Alpert. Alpert's Store is now some 54 years old.

Fire struck the Giczewski dry goods store in the early 1900's. He rebuilt the dry goods store and operated it until 1932. When he retired from active business life he spent the rest of his days puttering around his son Bert's gas station inventing a rack for storing oil cans, paper clips etc.

He left behind him 12 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. Two of his grandchildren live in Calumet City. They are Bert Gish and Mrs. Stanley Potocki, Jr.



The inventive ingenuity of John Giczewski resulted in several railroad improvements. Giczewski, left, stands with a railroad employee at a crossing where some of his rail joints for track improvements were installed.

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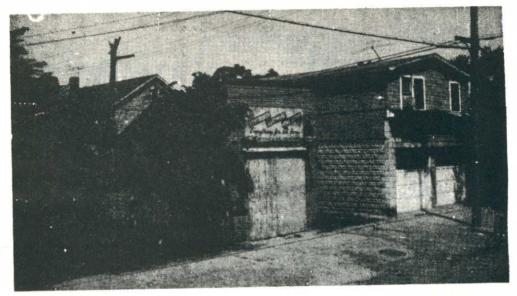
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This garage like structure standing on the alley between 155th St. and 154th Pl. on Lincoln was once the postoffice for Calumet City. The substation was established in 1898. (DAILY CALUMET photo).



John and Anna Giczewski had this formal photo taken on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. The beautiful anniversary pillow cover which was in style during that era was framed and remained in the family for many years marking the occasion.

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Tavern Boarding House Straddles State Line

"I can remeber skating on the ice that formed in a ditch along Sibley, then over the river all the way to Calumet Park," reminisced Michael Berwanger, 602 Price St., whose parents settled in West Hammond at the turn of the Century.

Berwanger was one of ten children that were raised in a big sprawling house and tavern that was situated pecularily half in Hammond and half in Calumet City right on the State Line at State St.

The Berwangers came to Calumet City after living in Hammond for a short time. Previous to that they owned a farm between Dyer and St. John. To this day a road there is named Berwanger Road.

Mike's early memories recall that the largest protion of the area, where his home stands at 602 Price St., was only pasture land. Cows grazed lazily along what is now a highly built up residential area.

One of Mike's chores was to carry lunches to the boarders who worked at the stockyards, Room and board at the Berwangers was \$4 a week. In the tavern there was always a free lunch available with a schooner of beer for five cents.

The building housing the tavern spanned both sides of the State Line. Part of it was under jurisdiction of Indiana liquor laws and part of it under Illinois laws.

On Sunday the Berwangers just went downstairs and opened the Illinois side to skirt the Indiana Blue Law. With all the plants closed on Sunday, the tavern did a booming business selling 30 to 45 barrels of beer on a Sunday.

Berwanger's father, Michael, was the treasurer of Calumet City under Hessler's time. At the time the city was incorporated he had just been elected alderman of the fourth ward. He never concluded his term and died in office. He also served as constable of the Democratic Township Committee.

Sandy streets and cinder sidewalks finally gave way to concrete paving as the city started to grow in the 1920's. State Line on the Hammond side had a cedar block pavement.

The need for another Catholic Church became apparent and St. Victor Church was established. Masses were held at the park until a portable school building was erected on the present school grounds and the masses were held there.

Later the present Church structure was erected. At the turn of the century Calumet City was still a sprawling, gangly child with residential areas only spotted here and there. Near St. Andrew Church was the growing Polish community. On the far north the German population had a residential grouping all its own.

Orchards and farms occupied the area between; and on the far south side farmlands prospered almost exhusively.

Martha Heintz, later to become Mrs. Michael Berwanger, was born in Calumet City in 1901. Her father and mother came to West Hammond from Chicago. Her mother Elizabeth Meltzer was born in Germany.

The family settled on Pulaski Rd., and one of Martha's early chores was the supervising of the family cow and several neighbors' cows. Each morning she took five cows to pasture in an area where she and Mike now make their home. The pasture land was owned by the Jaranowski family.

Mike got into politics at an early age. At 14 he was already a seasoned politician attending rallies and running errands for the politicians.

The city was lit with carbon lamps although there was already some electricity in the city. Jim Finneran took care of the carbon lights trimming the wicks everyday to keep them burning brightly.

Polish mushroom picking has become a popular joke, but the table delicacy was fruitful picking in West Hammond's early days. The 600 block of Price and Hirsch was a favorite hunting ground for several varieties of mushrooms.

Mike recalls one of the liveliest campaigns when John Kessler was nominated. A hall at 300 State St. was jammed with party workers and voters. People even stood outside to hear the nomination runoff.

Names like John Okray, Herman Wiening, Barney Johnson and John Kulczyk were listed as aldermen during those years.

A change in administration followed this era and with it came the control of the city by the tavern interests and bawdy houses. There appeared on the scene in early 1910 a spunky brunette, Virginia Brooks, who was not above taking an ax against the dozen dives that "ran round-the-clock peddling of lost weekends and hostesses."

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Brooks Black Brigade Organizes Reform Group

In the early 1900's an ugly monster gained a foothold in West Hammond. It spewed an unsavory elemnt that literally "took over" the north end of town.

"Between the decade of 1900 and 1910 Tom Talty, Con Moore, Mike Pasczak, Ed Donnelly and Hank Foss were running wide open saloons."

West Hammond began to be ridiculed by its neighbors, ridiculed by those who largely contributed to the pollution of its fair name. Property values and home seekers could not be bribed to locate "across the line."

Until organized civic bodies began to throw the searchlight upon the dark spots, the situation looked hopeless. It was at this time that Virginia Brooks became active in the village seeking to correct the unsavory conditions. She met with considerable resistance.

The police tried to break up the meetings she held, asserting that Virginia was inciting a riot, assualt, resisting an officer, and disorderly in conduct.

Chicago newspapers took up the hue and cry that Virginia was right. Investigating teams made visits to the village and their writers declared that Virginia's charges were true.

Virginia and her followers, which included the clergy, won the village election and put Woscynski in office. The reform ticket fired the chief of police and closed a number of saloons. But the element behind "the street" was not ready to quit.

Gambling places and vice dens soon reopened and Virginia got busy again. She vowed she would drive them out with force. On Nov. 20, 1911 she organized a law enforcement league.

"We'll carry guns, if necessary," she was supposed to have told her followers. She threatened to wear blackhoods and coats and promised to smash every dive in town.

A Chicago newspaper related in a 1953 story about Virginia that a gang of hoodlums invaded a store at 118 State St., where she was holding a meeting.

"Run 'em Out!" screamed Virginia. The place was filled with women carrying their usual umbrellas and hatpins for weapons. They set upon the gangsters with these weapons plus an extra

measure of courage and the gangsters fled in terror.

Virginia was arrested repeatedly as she and her followers literally tore apart brothels. National attention became focused on West Hammond and so much trouble and grief plagued the gangland interests that they decided to move out.

They chose to set up their interests in Burnham, where Big Jim Colosimo had a ally in Johnny Patton, "boy Mayor of Burnham."

Virginia was not above tackling other problems, when she discovered that inferior quality paving material at exorbitant prices was being used in a village project on 155th Pl. she waded into that battle

She and her women drove the workmen off the job and then stayed guard until police took her away.

Her name became known across the middle west. She was not through, however, she threatened to follow the vice lords into Burnham to clean them out there. A smear campaign was launched against her. There was even a story that she had performed a lewd dance in public. Virginia dispelled this rumor. The only dances she ever pejformed were before the West Hammond Woman's Club and she was fully clothed.

Brooks Black Brigade, as the women were called because of the black hats, shoes and umbrellas, had won their battle against the dives that ran round-the-clock peddling of lost weekends and hostesses. They exposed prostitution and dope addicts.

During the crusade John Messmaker died of an overdose of morphine in a dive. The flurry of public indignation helped Virginia's cry for a reform ticket.

A Lake County paper reported that on May 25, 1911 that "Red light district inhabitue, Hughes Brennan had stabbed himself."

Virginia left West Hammond in 1913 when she married Charles Washburne, a Chicago newspaper reporter who had been assigned to interview her. Virginia turned a Hammond home she owned into a day nursery for children of women working in steel mills and moved to Chicago.

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Shave and haircut were six-bits in 1925 at the barber shop of Joe Giovingo. Helmuth Hopp, 673 Douglas Ave., was the customer in the chair. Above the mirror

hangs a basketball picture of Columbia Athletic Club of which Giovingo was a member.



Kamradt Colts, popular baseball team during the twenties, sponsored by Mayor Paul Kamradt, sitting on the bench with team.

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Sikorski Operates Dairy

West Hammond, as Calumet City was known in the 1900's, had yet another vigorous pioneer that left his mark on his community. He was John Sikorski.

Born in the section of Poland that was under German rule, he made his way first to Chicago in 1901 and then to West Hammond. He and his wife Balbina had seven children. He was encouraged to come to the community by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Agnes Smelik.

Agnes Smelik soon became known in her own right as a midwife and as a woman with a particular talent for setting bones. The community at that time had a shortage of doctors and Mrs. Smelik was called upon many times to tend the ills of the Polish-speaking settlers in the central section of town.

John Sikorski was engaged in several business ventures simultaneously. He operated one of the first milk delivery routes. Milk was shipped in by railroad car from Valparaiso to Hammond where it was picked up by a horse drawn cart and delivered to the residents.

The milk arrived in large metal containers and was sold by the pitcher measure to the housewives who met the cart on the street. Charles Sikorski, former fire chief of Calumet City, recalls going out on the route selling the milk for one cent a quart.

Other dairy products were added as the business grew. The Sikorski's churned their own butter and made their own ice cream. In addition to the milk route they opened a dairy store at 218-155th St. The family lived in quarters behind the store and behind this were several barns to quarter the horses and wagons.

The growing population and its needs turned Sikorski to another business venture, that of mover and teamster. Coal and wood was delivered to the residents and teams of horses moved the necessary building products into the community for its expansion.

Still another venture entered upon by Sikorski was that of local undertaker. In those days there were no funeral parlors and the dead were waked at home. All the necessary processes of preparing the body for burial were done in the home of the deceased. Eventually two other undertakers moved into the community, Joe Sadowski and L. Ludinski.

Sikorski loved working with horses and when the opportunity presented itself tending the teams of the Hammond Dairy in Hammond, Ind., Sikorski went to work there until his retirement at the age of 60.

Still another business venture which Sikorski was interested in in Calumet City for many years was the operation of a gas station at the corner of 155th Pl. and Lincoln.

Charles Sikorski, 1266 Mackinaw, Calumet City, was introduced to the family dairy business at an early age. As a young boy he went with his father John out on the milk route.

In 1935 he became a member of the Calumet City fire department where he remained until his retirement in 1961. He served 10 years as an engineer and 17 years as Chief of the Fire Department until his retirement in 1961.

Under his term of office the city initiated the Civil Defense unit and built its fire fighting equipment up to two engines.

One of his hobbies is the collection of fire fighting equipment. He is the proud possessor of one of the first hydrant wrenches. The wrench was made in a machine shop on Ingraham Ave., by Charles Moore and when Sikorski left the department he was given the wrench as a memento.

Another pleasurable hobby of Sikorski's is playing Santa to the children of surrounding communities. Sikorski's portly figure and good nature had endeared him to the children as the frosty visitor bearing gifts during the Christmas Season.



John and Balbina Sikorski pose for their wedding picture, taken in 1892. Sikorski came to West Hammond in 1901 and entered into three businesses. He became a dairyman, mover and undertaker, operating all three businesses at the same time.

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Relaxing in front of the fire station is Charles Sikorski, center.

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Police Department 1900

The police department in West Hammond was organized in the early 1900. In 1907 a competent law officer came to be its head, Joseph Mitz. Chief Nitz's ability to converse in many languages was a tremendous asset as the ehtnic makeup of the community called for a bilingual official.

The Law and Order League, a commission composed of actively-inclined residents, was formed to cooperate with the police to preserve peace and order.

Frank J. Wachewicz's "Real-Estate-The Wachewicz Way-Easy to Pay" sign appeared on a vacant store front on State Street to acquaint the public that there were real estate opportunities in West Hammond.

"Dead Line" valley was owned by a prosperous South Water Merchant named Casper Staub. The area referred to was a marshy area betwen Pulaski and Sibley Streets. Wachewicz, commissioned by Staub, built up the area with modern homes.

One joint after another had opened up in the "Red Light" district. In 1916 when Indiana went dry the West Hammond saloon keepers were delighted. (Calumet City is still a meca for Indiana's Sunday, holiday and after hour drinkers.)

West Hammond also inherited some honky-tonk operators from Hammond, Ind., during the prohibition. Plummer Ave., in Hammond began to receive pressure from the Hammond Police. The owners picked up beer and "B" girls and moved to Calumet City.

Mayor Paul Kamradt was elected on a reform platform and proved to be a reformer and economist. He fostered the plan for setting aside a portion of the city for the Forest Preserve District and reduced operating expenses.

As a tribute to the veterans of World War I, a Memorial Park and Fieldhouse were constructed in 1918. The park remained the community center for well over 30 years.

During the decade of 1910-20 a great number of Irish and Italian immigrants came to West Hammond to live.

In 1920 the U. S. Census showed that there were 7,492 residents in the city. Of that number 5,234 or 69.9 per cent were native white; 2,229 or 29.8 per cent were foreign born and 28 or .4 per cent were Negro.

Of the foreighn-born, 2, 361 immigrated from Poland; 1,363 came from Germany; 178 from Ireland; 99 from England. The German-Polish ethnic background remained dominate. During this period Calumet City had grown by 2,544 persons or 51.4 per cent over the 1910 census.

Despite efforts of the citizenry and Kamradt to try and control the unsavory element moving into West Hammond, State Street taverns sprouted including several owned by Al Capone, crime overlord and beer baron of the 1920's. Prohibition brought scores of Federal agents on just as many raids.

By 1923 things were so bad that citizens circulated petitions demanding that the city change its name from West Hammond to Calumet City to shed the cloak of notoriety the name had earned.

In the early twenties Ford Motor Company announced its \$6,000,000 Ford assembly would be constructed in Hegewisch and Jones Laughlin Steel Co., built a plant in Hammond. The two new industries meant still more people would be settling in Calumet City.

Frank Wachewicz, top realtor in the community, opened the Park View Garden a subdivision west of Memorial Park. The lots were sold for \$695 and up.

A few years later a portion of the Schrum farm land was sold to start a subdivision that is now known as the Gold Coast area. Construction began in 1926.

In 1924 the name of the city was changed from West Hammond to the present name of Calumet City. The people wanted to shed the "cloak of notoriety" the name of West Hammond had earned. The vice conditions and a mix up of mail delivery due to the similarity between the names of Hammond and West Hammond were the reasons for the name change.

The city also moved ahead with the rebuilding of the water system to allow for population growth for the next 50 years.

In 1925 still another subdivision was opened up with the sale of the Hammond Country Club. McEwen and Essley, subdividers, proceeded to construct a variety of housing units which were available for rent or purchase.

Thus began the movement to the south of the city. During the same era, settlement occurred west of Burnham Ave., near the present location of Thornton Fractional High School. Scattered homes began to spring up along the major routes of 159th St., Michigan City Rd., Burnham and Torrence Avenues.

In 1924 Wentworth Ave., which was an old brick road, was reconstructed and resurfaced and six miles of concrete streets were laid in Calumet City.

In 1925 many families of St. Andrew the Apostle parish desiring an English speaking mass began to meet at Memorial Park fieldhouse. They established a church that same year and purchased land for the building of the church now known as St. Victor.

The congregation continued to meet at the park until a wooden church and school were built in 1927. These structures were used until 1929, at which time the present brick church and school were completed.

In 1925, under the administration of John Jaranowski, the new city hall was completed.

Construction of homes in the Gold Coast area began in 1926 but was abandoned soon after its inception due to the onslaught of the depression of

State or local officials later stepped in and condemned the property not fully developed and had the half completed structures removed.

The crash of 1929 came too late to affect the 15 census of the United States. The 1930 census showed that Calumet City now had a population of 12,298, an increase of 4,806 people in the community. This represented a 64.1 per cent increase over the 1920 statistics.

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August 22 Opening day of old

fashioned bargain days

August 23 Old fashioned bargain days continued

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8 p.m. "Ole Time" Street Dance

Wentworth Woods Shopping Cen-

ter

Committee Members - John Churilla, Ch.

Anthony Guzan Richard Barclay Wilford Hubbell Mickey Surdyk Mrs. Churilla

Edward Bliznick George Kline

Robert Robert

Betty Mayer

August 24 Old Fashioned Bargain

days continued

1-3 p.m. Promenade "Fashions of

Yesteryear"

River Oaks Center

Committee Members - Carolyn Eagan, Ch.

Mrs. Joseph W. Nowak

Mrs. Glen Allred

Mrs. Adeline S. McGahen

Mrs. William Adank

Mrs. Lawrence J. Giovingo

6 p.m. Police vs Firemen Baseball game at

Memorial Park

Committee Members - Patrolman Peter Magdos

& Roy Titus Fireman Thomas DeJarlais

August 25 Religious Day at T. F.

North Field

3 p.m. Protestant Bible Reading

2 p.m. Concelebrated Mass

Committee

Knights of Columbus Coronata Council #3806

and Pastors of all Churches

9 p.m. Jubilee Ball - Sixth Floor

to Professional Building

1 p.m. River Oaks Shopping Center

Committee - Mrs. Joseph Nowak, Ch.

Mrs. James Merlo - Tickets

Mrs. Eugene Wyckoff - Decorations

Mrs. Thomas Bobak - Program

Mrs. Jack Blair - Centerpieces

August 26 Health Fair and Tea

10 a.m. Reception at Faith Bailey

to Health Center

8 p.m. Open House - School of Special

Education

Committee

Mrs. E. Paterson, R.N.

Mrs. Zymont Jocha

Mrs. Eugene McCarty

1 p.m. Antique Show at

to

8 p.m. Memorial Park

Committee

Miss Esther Schrum

Mrs. Joseph Rosinski

Mrs. Darwin Finefrock

August 27 Pioneer & Homecoming Day

11 a.m.

Mayor Nowak cuts Birthday cake at

Hospitality House, Parade of visit-

ing Dignitaries

Committee

Miss Helen Murray, Ch.

First performance of "Arrowheads to Dia-

monds."

7:30 p.m. Pre-Spectacle Show

German Day

Saengerbund Fidelia-Chorus

Gerhard Gruendel, Dir.

8:30 p.m. "Arrowheads To Diamonds."

Fireworks

August 28 Jubilee Ladies Day

1:30 p.m. "Moulin Rouge" Style

Show at American Legion

Committee - Mrs. Eugene McCarty, Ch. Mrs. Dan O'Day Mrs. J. Churilla Mrs. Alice Hoehn Mrs. D. Okrey Mrs. J. Meyerchick Mrs. R. Okray

1 p.m. Last day of Antique 8 p.m. Show at Memorial Park Second Performance "Arrowheads To Diamonds"

7:30 p.m. Pre-Spectacle Show
Judging of oldest costume
and best dressed family
Thornton Fractional North
Stage Band
Brian Cwiklinski, Dir.

8:30 p.m. "Arrowheads To Diamonds"
Fireworks

August 29 Young America Day
9 a.m. Youth Government takes office
12 Noon Gov't. Day Luncheon
Committee - Dr. John Tibbett, Ch.
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Cindy Szmoniak

Youth Day Activities
at Wilson School

9 a.m. Bike Decorating Contest

10 a.m. Bike Marathon Contest

11 a.m. Games & Races

1 p.m. Scout-A-Rama

3 p.m. Swimming Contest

5:30 p.m. Little League vs League

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Robert Forrest
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Andrew Murphy

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Jerry Last
Thomas Mize
Tony Sudar
Lou Colelia

1-8 p.m. Youth Hobby & Art Show at Memorial Park Brothers of Brush Beard Judging at Memorial Park

7:30 p.m. Pre-Spectacle Show
Hoover-Schrum Grade School Band
Michael Landes, Dir.
Youth Government Awards

8:30 p.m. Third Performance
"Arrowheads To Diamonds"

Fireworks

August 30 Commerce and Industry Day
9 a.m. Chamber of Commerce
Breakfast for Merchants
1 p.m. Mayor's Luncheon for
Commerce and Industry
1-8 p.m. Youth Hobby & Art Show at

Memorial Park

7:30 p.m. Pre-Spectacle Show "La Italia Day"
Italian Music, Songs and dance
presented by Christoforo Colombo
Lodge and Italian Catholic Federation

Awards to Beard Winners

8:30 p.m. Fourth Performance of "Arrowheads To Diamonds" Fireworks

8 p.m. Fate's Eight perform Satyr & Unicorns at Wentworth Jr. High School

August 31 "Polonia Day"
3 p.m. Polish Mass St. Andrew The Apostle
Church

4 p.m. Full dress parade to Polish outdoor gardens

5to midniteRefreshments - Polka Dancing 7:30 p.m. Pre-Spectacle Show Polonia Day-Polish dancing, music & song

8:30 p.m. Final Performance of "Arrowheads To Diamonds" Fireworks Outdoor Polka dancing at Polish Gardens

8 p.m. Fate's Eight perform Satyr & Unicorns at Went. Jr. Hi School

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Sept. 1

8 p.m.

Rainout performance if necessary

of "Arrowheads To Diamonds"

8 p.m.

"Fate's Eight" performs Satyr & Unicorns at Went. Jr. Hi School

Sept. 2 10 a.m. Calumet City Kiwanis

and Diamond Jubilee Labor Day

Parade





Executive committee and division heads of the diamond jubilee celebration at one of the weekly meetings. Seated left, James Stinson, Helen Murray, Mrs. Adeline McGahen, Mrs. Lawrence Giovingo, Edmund Nowak. Back row, Wilford Hubbell, Albert Wisowaty, Eric Brown, Mrs. Bernard

Zdanowski, Robert Stefaniak, Mrs. William Adank, Mrs. John Churilla, Norm Catt, and Joseph Siwinski. Missing from the picture Emmanuel Freeman, Julian Mertz, Les Crowley.



Meredith Shepard



Pat Jaranowski



Joan Bruner



Rose Ellen Magdos



Sharon Terry



Shirley Weeks



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Ruth Mary Carlos

The queen and her court was not selected until the final week prior to the celebration after this book went to press. Therefore, only the second week finalists appear here.



Mickey Mantel



Sharon Gulotta



Cheryl Ann Booth



Pat Pluskota



Bonnie Costello

Booming Residential Growth Brought Change

Calumet City has experienced many changes in the course of its history from a sleepy farm village in the 1880's through the turn of the century. Then a community with very limited industry totally dependent on neighboring communities for employment. A notorious, flamboyant city whose reputation became known nation wide as a fun town during the 1900's. A booming residential growth brought a change.

Now it is on the verge of becoming the center of commercial growth in the center of the south suburbs.

It has adequate educational facilities for educating its children. There are ten schools for students kindergarten through eighth grade. These include Wentworth Junior High School, Woodrow Wilson, Lincoln School, Hoover and Schrum Memorial adschools include St. Victor, St. Andrew and Our Lady of Knock.

In addition the Caroline Sibley School and the Everett McKinley Dirksen Schools are located in Calumet City and administered by District 149 in Dolton. A school for mentally handicapped, the Calumet City School for Special Education has been estalished in the community for the past eleven years.

A full four year high school and recent annexation to the Thornton Junior College district provide secondary and higher education facilities for the community's teenagers. The possibility of a full four year college in South Cook County is on the horizon.

The area of greatest building activity was in the south east section of the city known as the Gold Coast. The tremendous increase in population produced a 58.2 per cent increase in the city's population by 1960. Since 1960 the growth has been to the north and west with an increase in commercial and industrial structures. New construction sites are in evidence with prices estimated in the \$18,000 to \$45,0000 price range.

The pattern of residential construction is changing too, in 1966 an estimated 3,000 rental units were available with rents ranging from \$75 to\$160 bracket. Twnety-five per cent of the land within the city limits is still available for future home sites.

Its industries are mainly chemical and food product in nature. In the extreme far north west bordering Calumet Harbor there is considerable vacant land which is available to industry.

The Catlin Corporation, a division of Ashland Oil and Refining is located at 142nd and Paxton. It employs 44 persons and produces chemicals, plastic molding, compounds (powder and liquid) and resins.

Gulf Oil Corporation is also located at 142nd and Paxton. It employs 155 workers and produces industrial chemicals such as formaldehyde, aqua ammonia and polyethylene emulsions. The plant was build in 1949 by Spencer Chemicals (later absorbed by Gulf Oil) to supply the growing chemical and

plastic manufacturers.

Swift and Company Agricultural Chemical Division is located at 150 Marble in the northwest section of the city. It employs 75 workers and produces plant food, insecticides, pesticides, and sulphuric acid.

Liquid Carbonic Corporation is located at 2000 West Dolton Road and is Calumet City's latest industry. It began operation in December, 1966 and was officially dedicated last fall. The finished products include oxygen, nitrogen, argon, which are extracted from the air. It is a plant of nationwide distribution. The finished product is transported by tank car both locally and long distance.

United Chemical and Organic Products Division of Wilson Company is located at Plummer and Wentworth. Its location is the site of the former Hirsch, Stein and Company plant whose history dates back to the very early days of Calumet City. The finished product is gelatin and it employes 135 people.

The P. N. Schrum Sons Company is still located on the far south side of the community and its history dates back to 1901 when it began as a family enterprise and has remained so to this day. The finished products pickles, relish and sweet peppers are distributed to restaurants and hotels in the Chicagoland area.

E. J. Byman and Company, relocated last year at 700 State St. is a wholesale distributor of foods and allied products to institutional trade.

Sales accounting and executive offices of Kerns United Corporation, a firm producing industrial lubricants, have been located at 824 State St. since 1961. This year the firm constructed stoage and shipping facilities and will eventually move all operations to the Calumet City site.

Ferro Engineering Company produces finished castings, hot-top compounds and bottom rings for the steel industry. It has been located at State St. and Burnham since 1961.

Other industries include a concrete ready-mix plant at Burnham and State St., Calumet Ready Mix; Torrence Machine and Tool Company, 418 Saginaw, producers of general machinery; Wolf Lake Machine and Manufacturing Company, 398 Burnham; Turret lathework, and Gateway Warehouse, 1000 State St., general warehousing.

The greatest surge in commercial establishments Oaks Shopping Center at 159th St. and Torrence Ave. A 100 acre tract of land was annexed to Calumet City in 1964 and in April, 1965 work began on the giant shopping complex. The area was selected because its accessibility of location to the potentual market area ranging from 63rd St. in Chicago to Michigan City, Ind.; and from Lake Michigan south beyond Chicago Heights and Valparaiso. It is within a mile of the Tri-State Tollway and the Calumet Expressway.



This group depicts a Krakow Wedding party. The performance took place at St. Andrew Church on Oct. 24, 1935. Rev. Joseph Sehnke, pastor of the church, is seated third from the left.



Mayor Paul M. Kamradt presides over a session of the West Hammond City Council in the early 1920's.

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12. Lighted make-up Mirror

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15. Clothes Hamper

16. Two range hot plate

17. Two piece bag set (overnighter and tote)

18. Permanent Wave

19. Permanent Wave

20. Permanent Wave

21. Permanent Wave

22. Permanent Wave

23. Permanent Wave

24. Permanent Wave

25. Hair Cut and Hair Set

26. Hair Cut and Hair Set

27. Hair Cut

28. Hair Cut

29. Kodak Instamatic Camera

30. Six Bottles Champagne

31. Bean Bag Radio

32. Wrist Watch

33. Ceiling chain lamp

34. Transistor Radio

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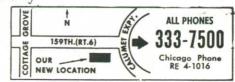


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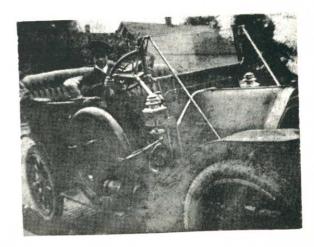
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This group of dapper young men bid their friends and families goodbye as they left for the war May 1, 1917.



Above - Frank Lesczynski's tavern was a popular place for the male population in the early 20's. Here politics were discussed over a cold bottle.



Right - Tessie Sikorski sits behind the wheel of one of the first horseless carriages in the village.

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Industry, Miss Bailey Move Into West Hammond

During 1920 there was a building boom in Calumet City. During one eleven month period 275 homes were constructed. There occurred an influx of workers, who began crying for reform. There was a wholesale cleaning up of saloons, which were masquerading under the name of soft drink parlors.

The clean up had its effect on the real estate and construction businesses -- they could not keep

pace with the demands for houses.

Industry in Calumet City remained limited to a few plants on the north side. Large portions of land were available to industry, railroad yards were located in the area to serve industry, but it failed to move into the community.

The only industries during the 1900's were United Chemical and Organic Porducts, a slaughter house and two fertilizer plants. By 1918 Central Chemical Company located in Calumet City. There were also the Monumental Works, Western Grain Products Co. and Wyman's Novelty Company, which manufactured abdonimal and back supporters for men.

In another section of the community were the Hammond Glue Company and the Mational Surface

Guard Company.

E. J. Byman began his career as an egg peddler 'n 1917. The business began as a one man operation in East Chicago, Ind. He branched out to include poultry as well. Considering Calumet City as a central location, he established his business at 107 Plummer Street. He was fond of saying, "I started out selling eggs and poultry - now I sell no eggs or poultry" as his business expanded to the handling of canned goods and other sundry items for groceries, restaurants and institutions.

Mayor Paul Kamradt heeded the pleas of a group of community members for a nurse to guide and work with the Health and Welfare Association. He appointed a committee to call on Mrs. Theodore Sachs, director of the Chicago Tuberculosis Institute. Mrs. Sachs listened to the pleas of the commitee and sent Faith Bailey to the community.

In May of 1921, Miss Bailey began a daily sojourn to West Hammond. She traveled by street cars which made some 22 stops before they arrived in Hammond at State and Hohman. After that the trek was on foot to the old city hall. During the winter months the wooden sidewalks were covered by ice and snow; in the spring they were flooded by thaws

The population of West Hammond was then about 4,100 persons spread over a wide area literally laced with ponds, swamps and farms. The first year Miss Bailey's salary was paid to the institute by a group of generous citizens. The next year the city took over the obligation.

Of English and Irish descent, Miss Bailey had the tenacity to stick to her assignment and the imagination that she could really build a program. Little did she dream that this program and her tenacity would keep her in the community for some 40 years or that a health center would one day bear her name.

She was born in Ontario, Canada. The family moved to Clintonville, Wis. while she was still a little girl. She attended Wesley Hospital in Chicagofor her public health certificate through the Tuberculosis

Institute of Chicago.

Miss Bailey made her office in the old city hall building at Wentworth and State Street. Here she began her tuberculosis clinics and school health programs in Douglas, Wentworth, Schieski, St. John and St. Andrew Schools. Visits to the schools were made on foot that first year. The following year the TBI furnished her with a Model T Ford. The car became frequently mired in sand and mud as she made her rounds of the sick indigent and to the schools.

At Sobieski School she had to make her way past flocks of geese that swam in the ponds almost up to the school gate. They hissed and pecked at her heels as she hurried up the wooden walks from her car.

Miss Bailey quickly assessed the need for some type of dental program and began talking about means by which a dental chair could be purchased -even a used one. In 1923, the Welfare Association sponsored by a May Day Ball and raised \$1,000 for its budget. A used dental chair was purchased for \$30 and Miss Bailey induced local dentists to give their time on free days to the dental clinic.

Next, she instituted the baby clinic program with a pediatrician in charge. Here mothers came with the well babies to have their growth charted, their physical health checked. They received child care information. Miss Bailey talked to them of nutrition, cleanliness, and the need of early immunization.

Miss Bailey was a dreamer, an innovator, and crusader in public health. She not only conducted the public health program and involved the community, but also turned her attention to educating

the public to good health needs.

She spoke before organizations, she organized and carried out health exhibits and parades. She instituted the first Paint-Up-Clean-Up parade with hundreds of school children which even extended into Hammond. Merchants participated and lent her support in the project.

Schools made health posters , townspeople raked their lawns and gardens, groups banded together to

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clean-up vacant lots and city officials offered prozes. Pictures offered as prizes to schools for the largest pile of rubbish still hang in some of the buildings.

She awakened the community spirit.

When things got dull, she whipped up an essay contest on the subject of good health or tuberculosis and got the children thinking and working in still another health direction. The best essays received a certificate and were read to the PTA, while Miss Bailey made the health pitch to the mothers and fathers.

But far more important was the task of looking after the families that were destitute.

An examination or observance of a child in school soon pointed out the need for a home visit. Often she would find poverty, neglect, desertion on the part of one or both parents. In most cases she found concern for the child, but an ignorance of what to do about the situation.

She set about contacting the Lions Club for glasses for children. Other organizations for the provision of emergency food and fuel. She formed the Calumet City Community Health Association to assist her in the clinics. The association adopted as its purpose "care of the children's teeth whose families were on relief or near relief financially." It established child health guidance clinics for children one to six of destitute or near destitute famlies and those not under private physician's care. Finally, it undertook to give occasional assistance to families in need of food, fuel, clothing,

hospital visit.

Since then the health association program had been broadened and dental and baby clinics are open to the entire community. Today polio, measle immunization are annual projects.

Miss Bailey had a way of inspiring others. She was able to recruit the mothers as volunteers, to organize them into working groups for whatever cause she might have. One such group was the Wentworth-Wilson PTA and the sister PTA at Douglas School.

Here Miss Bailey had a ready made group of volunteers. They already had an established organization with a charter dating back to 1914. They, by their very objects, realized the need to work for the needs of children.

When Wentowrth and Douglas PTA's were organized the women also became involved on the state level. First President was Mrs. Leah Caskey. During the term of the second president, Mrs. Mary Demmerling, West Hammond was the scene of the state Parent-Teacher convention.

In researching the history of Wentworth and Douglas PTA, it was noted that West Hammond had the singular honor during the first World War of being the one town in the U. S. which sent more soldiers from a given block than any other place of its size in the country. The first soldier to give his life was Joseph L. Lietzan. The service cross was conferred on him by the Commander-in-Chief of the Army.



Julius Hoffman (seated, far right), general chairman of Calumet City's drive to establish a new health center, meets with leaders in the campaign to map plans for Tuesday night's mass meeting on means to raise funds for the clinic. Also seated age Peter

Becker, building committee chairman, and Miss Faith Bailey, public health nurse. Standing, from the left, are H. B. Kronvall, assistant treasurer; E. E. Hastings, cochairman, and Emanuel Freeman, treasurer. Best Wishes to

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The first health center pediatrician, Dr. John L. Reichert, had this to say about Miss Bailey.

"One of my most prized memories is the time I spent with Miss Bailey at the Health Center. Even way back then, more years ago then I want to remember, she had the concept of the responsibilities of the medical and nursing profession to the public -- the concept of the promotion of health rather than just the prevention and treating of disease.

Even then she recognized that everything in a child's environment affected his well being and she aimed at improving his human relations rather than merely his medical and nursing care. She was concerned with the "total child" years before that term became a watchword in pediatrics.

"Her example has been a strong influence to me in my medical work and in teaching students the importance of community responsibilitiy. She is certainly the best health nurse I have ever worked with and one of the finest persons I have every known."

Miss Bailey retired before the health center was completed in 1959. She now resides in Florida.

Her legacy remains in the community, the health center is the focal point around which health and welfare matters revolve and the programs Miss Bailey pioneered are now a matter of routine for the center. New attention is being directed to services not provided before. The immunization against polio, measles, mumps, diabetic clinic testing, vision testing for the pre-schooler and for the adult.



as mayor. Front row, left, Mrs. and John McKenna, Mrs. Leo Bonczkowski, Mrs. Bonczkowski, Mrs. and Peter Horst, and Fred Stelling, Mrs. and Frank Angel, Mrs. and John Mrs. and Joseph Giewartowski and Frank Czerwinski. Jaranowski, Mrs. and Anton Miller, John McCarthy, Artie

Inauguration day during one of John Jaranowski's terms Hess and Frank Kaminski. Top row, Mrs. and John Murray,

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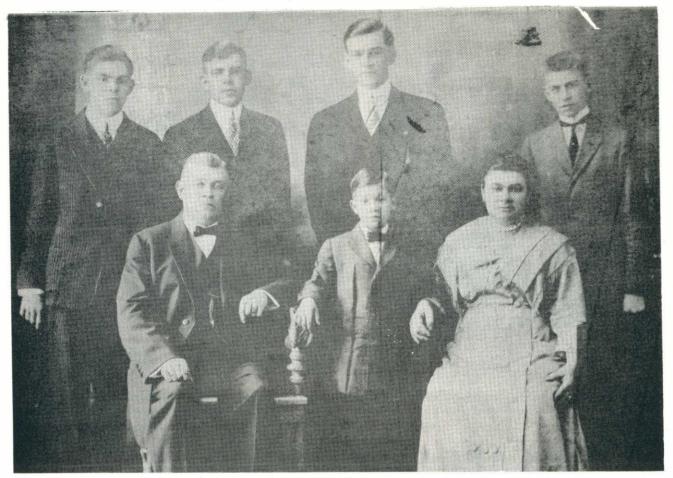
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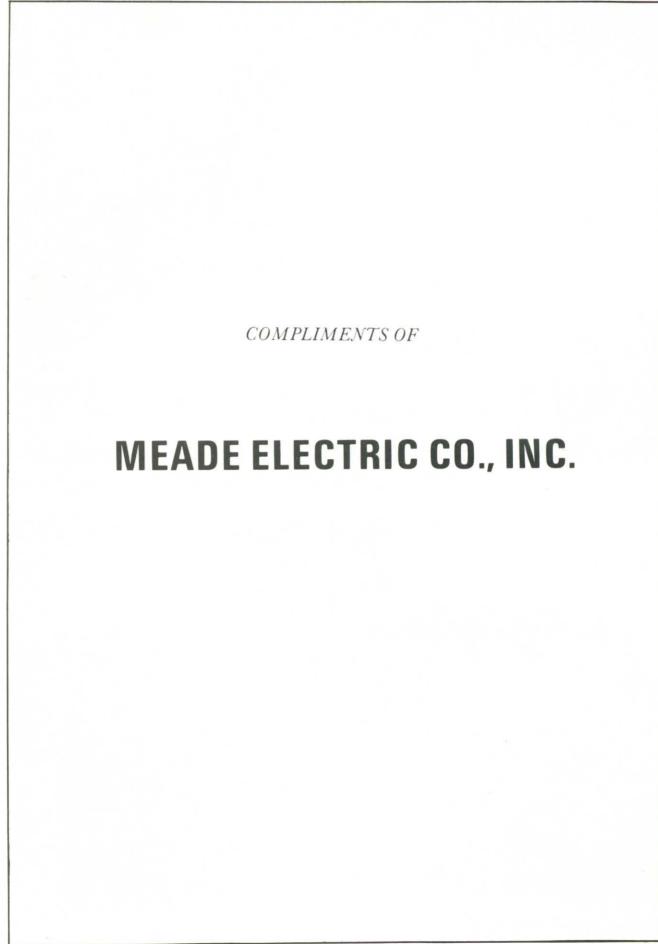


Three daughters of John Sikorski smile happily in their finery.

This 1911 photo of the Joseph Goyke family was taken during his term as treasurer of the Village of West Hammond. Front row, Goyke, John and Mrs. Goyke. Standing, Paul, Albert, Clem, Jules. Three other boys died in infancy. Goyke owned a picnic grove at 210-154th Pl. He also served as bailiff to Judge Al Van Steenberg of Lansing before Steenberg became congressman. Goyke stayed at this post till his retirement in 1918. All his sons took an interest in music. Only survivor, Jules Goyke, 1384 Kenilworth St., remembers when the site on which city hall stands was a skating pond. He recalls when the fire bell tower stood on the site occupied by the Faith Bailey Health Center building. First man arriving with a horse to pull the fire cart received \$5. Volunteers showing up to fight a fire or pull the cart when no horse was available received 50 cents an hour.



Mike Berwanger doffed his hat for this pose with a baseball during a friendly sand lot game.





To find the identity of this mite turn to the inside cover of this book. She wears a hat and coat tailored for her by her father. Date of photo mid 1920's.



Mrs. Anthony Stoklosa poses in 1920 fashion at a studio which employed a ferocious bear skin rug to lend interest to the photo.



Ed Fedosky and a healthy looking bunch of bloomer girls in one of the physical education classes he organized at the Calumet Memorial Park in the 1920's.

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Ed Fedosky Devoted to Well Being Of Children

The fast growing central portion of Calumet City called for another school in the late 20's. In 1928 Sobieski School was built. It was later renamed Lincoln School. The city now had four public grade schools, Douglas, Sobieski, Globe and Woodrow Wilson and one parochial school, St. Andrew. In 1929 the second parochial School, St. Victor was added.

Wentworth School became a junior high school with the construction of Thornton Fractional High School in 1927.

In 1929 the stock market crashed and the nation saw the onset of the "Great Depression." Thousands of Calumet Citians were out of work. At Wilson School the PTA instituted a hot lunch program. Cooking schools were set up under the guidance of Miss Bailey and mothers learned the nutritional value and method of preparation of food received in relief packages.

They canned surplus vegetables and fruits, and took turns cooking and serving hot lunch to school children. The PTA's were aided in the purchase for milk for the school children with relief funds from the city.

Mothers marched off to work, too, in WPA projects of sewing clothing. In return they received clothing or material for their own children. Teachers found themselves paid in script.

The census in 1930 showed that Calumet City now had a population of 12,298 an increase of 4,806 residents, since the 1920 census.

The Works Progress Administration Administration swung into action to provide work for the male population also. Forest preserves provided much work in clearing dead trees. The fruit of the forest provided jellies and preserves for the table of the men working there.

Roads were constructed, the Burnham Viaduct provided a new access to Burnham over the railroads. The Calumet City Public library was another WPA project.

In December of 1933 a tragic fire occurred at Thornton Fractional High School. The school was preparing for the Christmas concert and students were to perform for the community. The spectacular fire brought companies from nearby communities to no avail. The next day people were still assembled around the school viewing the massive tangle of burned insturments, furniture and collapsed walls. The piano reposed among ruins in the swimming pool having fallen through the ceiling of a room above.

The new structure was completed with the assistance of the WPA in January of 1935. Meanwhile, grade schools in the city threw open their doors and the high school students attended classes via the shuttle system. Some had classes at Douglas

in the morning and afternoon and early evening classes at Wentworth, Wilson and Lincoln. The park and even the churches played a part in the teaching program until the new structure was completed.

TF's swim team worked out at the pool at Hammond High School. The Hammond Public Library offered free cards to students to use their facilities in their school work.

There appeared on the scene at this time a figure devoted to the well-being of children through physical education, Ed Fedosky.

Ed was born on the East Side of Chicago and educated in Chicago schools and found his way to Calumet City through a job offer to be athletic director at Calumet Memorial Park in 1923. The park district was only two years old at that time. Ed, at the age of 19, set about planning programs and forming teams for basketball, baseball, swimming, gymnastics, track and other activities.

The absorption with the youth of Calumet City was shared by Grace Fluegge. She made many trips to Calumet City with him in his work. After their marriage and with the birth of their first child, they took up their permanent residence on the north end of the community.

The park became the center of community activity for the youth of all ages. Grace even undertook a sewing class for girls to provide recreation for those that did not take part in other activities.

At that time the park district included the Burnham golf course and the revenue from this provided Ed's salary.

He had a philosophy about personal endeavor that he transmitted to the youth of Calumet City: "Keep going to the finish. You don't have to be a winner to finish what you start. The important thing is to keep going."

No matter what the race was, track or swimming, gymnastic competition, or just an exercise club, his motto was, "No matter whether you are the last one make it to the finish line."

He coached young men in boxing, wrestling, and swimming. A local boxer, Terry Stone, remembered Ed long after he moved away from the community. Arlite Smith, a champion swimmer, had early training under Ed. A team of girls playing in an industrial basketball league looked to Ed for coaching.

While working at the park as recreational director Ed continued his studies in college. He had classes in the morning at George Williams College, 53rd and Drexel in Chicago, and worked at the park afternoons and evenings until he received his degree.

He remained at the park until 1941, maintaining his family on the meager salary. When the income from the golf course began to fall off, he had to look Compliments of



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for work in industry to support his family. In 1942 he was offered a position at Thornton Fractional High School in the athletic department.

Many of the moppets that knew and worshipped him at the park found him a familiar face and fine friend when they entered the high school.

In 1947 Ed saw adream come true with the purchase of a camping and summer recreation site in Wisconsin. The Fedosky family entered into a venture of a summer camping program for children at Camp Shishebogana.

To supplement the family income the Fedosky's opened a confectionary shop on Wentworth and 153rd in Calumet City.

In 1934 young Edward and Virginia Fedosky were chosen as King and Queen of Children's Day at the World's Fair in Chicago. Much to their delight Frank Buck of "Bring Em Back Alive" fame was their host.

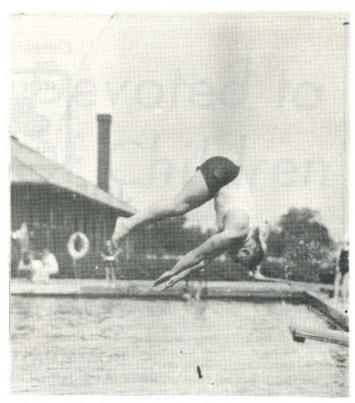
Under Fedosky's direction park activities were continued for all ages. The gymnastic teams made many appearances before the public in shows at the park and in competition in the area.

Fedosky was a husky man 5 ft. 10 in. tall. He was felled by cancer in 1961. A sorrowed community set about planning a permanent memorial at the park in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the youth of the city.

Contributions from individuals, businesses and civic organizations set up scholraship funds for his two youngest sons to help them attain Ed's dream of a college education for his children. The boys were allowed \$50 for their expenses, so long as they remained enrolled in school.

Four of Fedosky children entered the field of education. Edward Jr. is a swim coach at Kansas State; Virginia Jerzyk is an elementary school teacher in Lowell, Ind; Juanita Mennier is a gym teacher in Joliet.

Son Allan an Air Force Lieutenant is now attending classes at Illinois University Medical Center. The



Right - Ed exhibited excellent form as he dove into the pool at Memorial Park during one of his swimming lessons.

youngest son, Wayne, is enrolled in classes at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb.

Son Victor served as a missionary in Austria for years. Following an illness he was transfered to Oregon. He is teaching in a Christian school at Grant's Pass, Oregon.



Ed poses with the TF North swim team during his later years as physical education teacher and swim coach.

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War Slows City Growth

Unsettled conditions in Europe. The inasion and occupation of Austria, Czechoslovkia, Poland. The president signed the selective service act. These headlines ushered in 1940 in Calumet City. They changed the mode of living in the city.

Then in December of 1941—the infamy of Pearl Harbor and once again we were at war. Service stars appeared in the windows. Some were gold to indicate the supreme sacrifice for our country.

Volunteers worked on ration book registrations set up in the school in the city. Red Cross work became a project for PTA mothers, Woman's Club and service orgaizations. Busy fingers set to work knitting sweaters and afghan squares for the Red Cross. Even children were taught to knit, with many amusing results in sweaters and socks.

A defense Bond booth was erected at city hall and was well staffed by volunteers. Willing hands volunteered for clerical work in Civil Defense Offices and tireless feet traversed the city on business surveys for the OPA. Joseph Miller commandeered a group of women to compute and register persons for separate sugar coupons for canning and perserving.

The ration restrictions resulted in social functions without sugar for coffee. The PTA's found themselves marching up to the ration board for an allotment of sugar.

Thus the government restriction of the two-pants, suit, the elimination of the pants cuff, standardized width and length of skirts, limitation as to the amount of material for a coat or dress and the number of pleats. Then came the tax-withholding tax, entertainment tax, luxury tax, even the patience became taxed for those lined up at cigarette counters.

By 1940 the population of Calumet City had increased by only 943 persons or 7.7 per cent, indicating that the depression and war had its effect on population movement and growth.

The war years also opened the Calumet area to war production and great influxes of workers came to man the assembly lines. With the increase in activity and wages, the workers looked for recreation. The "street" flourished again. Its activity increased with rapidity until the late 1950's.

The late 40's saw the closing of Douglas School and all students attended Wentworth and Wilson schools within the boundaries of District 155. The building was rented for a while to St. Victor until additional school facilities were built there. Then it stood vacant for many years as vandals broke windows and ravaged the inside of the structure. At one time there was talk of a medical clinic moving in there, but this plan fell by the wayside. The building was finally torn down in the early 1950's.

The U. S. Census in 1950 showed that the war had slowed the rapid growth of the city. The population was increased by only 2, 558 people to a total of 15,759. An increase of only 19.3 per cent over 1940. At this time there were 6,947 persons, including the labor group which was 86.9 per cent male. The median income in Calumet City was \$4,064, with 14.8 per cent of the families earning less than \$2,000 a year. The Negro population had decreased to 20 and was located on Plummer Ave., north of State St.

The era of "suburban sprawl" during the 50's effected Calumet City as it did all of the cities around the Chicago area. Central Construction Company, alone, built more than 1,200 homes in Calumet City between the period of 1945 to 1955. Most newcomers came from changing neighborhoods in Chicago. Workers in steel, oil and other industries made up 29 per cent of the new residents.

The area of greatest building activity was the southeast section of the city known as the Gold Coast. The tremendous increase in population produced a 48.2 per cent increase in the city's population by 1960 and brought the total population figure to 25,000.

During this time the city saw the election of two new mayors--Frank L. Kaminski and Stanley E. Bejger. The rapid expansion of the population during the 50's brought about great political, social, cultural and economic changes to the community.

"White Collar workers began to show an increase;" among the statistics of the census. They now rj-presented 38.5 per cent of the total residents.

This changing population had changing ideas about Calumet City. It would no longer tolerate the conditions on State Street. But the change in the city was not to come for some ten years yet.

In May, 1950, a Calumet City tavernkeeper brutally beat a girl. The beating climaxed many years of disregard for law and order in Calumet City and aroused the city to action. The Citizens Committee was formed to give voice to these demands.

Three of the leaders in the Citizen's Committee are now members of the city administration, James Stinson, Sarah Mase and Josepy Sanye. Stinson was first elected to the city council in 1952 on the slate with the late Stanley E. Bejger, son-in-law of former Mayor John Jaranowski.

In 1952 the Citizen's Committee launched a campaign to change the city's form of government to a city manager plan. The referendum failed with a vote of 2,700 against to 1,600 in favor. The magic number of 1,600 was the margin of winning votes electing Bejger.

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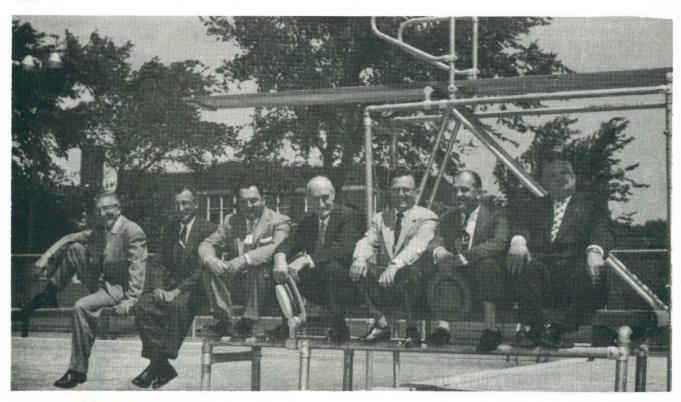
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A three legged cat had kittens in a tool drawer at United Boiler on the first day of Alderman Lawrence Giovingo's first term in office. Octogenarian Vince Klein joined Giovingo in a victory wave.



Memorial Park Board commissioners were the first on the diving board if not first in the pool when the new swimming pool was dedicated in the early 50's. Left, Jake Klank, Dan Markiewicz, Joe Giewartoski, Jim Kelly, Charles Liesenfelt, Gene Modjieski and Joe Godsell.

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The record 1947 birth rate hit the schools and Wilson had three classes of fourth graders like this.



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The Great Lakes Brewing Company was a newly formed corporation at the time. Its officers included Thomas J. O' Connor of Calumet City and Francis Brinkman and Jeanne C. Behrman of Chicago. The firm limped along for a few years eventually the company was disolved and the building was used by the Master Bronze Powder Co.

Another bottling firm played a large part in Calumet City's growth. This was the Charles H. Mayer Co. The firm founder relocated in West Hammond in the year 1874 from Chicago. In 1886 he became established in the soda water business, which he operated with his brother-in-law George Drackert.

The bottling works were located on State Line Near Memorial Drive. Mayer became Hammond's first police magistrate and served as tax collector in 1899-1900. He also served on the Thornton Township School Board.

The city was to feel the lag of industrial growth for a long, long time. While the city struggled in a depression of the thirties, State Street was becoming more and more entreched. By the late 1930's a new activity was moved into the Sin Strip area.

Big time gambling appeared on the scene. The Owl Club at Plummer and Douglas became a mecca for gamblers. The doors stood wide open, with no fear of the city's fathers interferring, and even teenagers could walk in.

The two owners of the Owl Club were Tony Accardo and Frank LaPorte, both of whom became powerful leaders in the syndicate.

Mayor of Calumet City during this time and in office since 1925 was John Jaranowski. His control of the mayor's office was finally wrested from him with the election of William Zick in 1937. Zick ran as another reform platform.

Zick did not do much to dispel the reputation Calumet City was getting. The syndicate was too firmly entrenched. Then the forties marched across the calendar and World War II brought prosperity to the surrounding region and with it came many workers seeking entertainment after working many hours in the mills, factories and defense plant.

At this time Calumet City's ratio of bars was one bar for every 46 inhabitants and it was the highest in the country. Some touted it as being the highest in the world.

Servicemen, defense workers, conventioneers, out of town business men were attracted to the "entertainment" on the street. Sailors from Great Lakes and soldiers from Fort Sheridan came to drink.

Calumet City's reputation as a "fun city" and "carnival town" continued to spiral during the 50's. While the citizenry smarted under the sneers and insinuations, concerted action to eliminate the strip was not forthcoming at this point.

In 1953 Stanley Bejger was elected on a reform ticket. While he did not receive the endorsement of the Citizens Committee for Better Government, it was well known that many of the leaders in the

group supported him. The strength the Citizens Committee showed in its support of the city manager form of government, appeared again in Bejger's election. The 1600 vote margin insured his election.

Some people still looked on the Street as a neeeded form of revenue. While the city collected a liquor license tax, the real profit remained on the street. Today we know that a commercial enterprise like River Oaks Shopping Center means a great deal more in actual revenue than was ever experienced from the Street. The sales tax return to the city has at least tripled.

All the "joints" had a system of communication that alerted them against any onslaught of Sheriff's Police. If a raid occurred in one place, all the other places knew about it within seconds and activities were covered up and quieted. In one raid Sheriff Babb had to wield an ax to assault the door of the Owl Club, notorious gambling den on State St.

The city's notoriety caused one woman to refuse to display her city vehicle sticker. She was arrested and brought before Joseph W. Nowak, who served as city magistrate in 1957. He ruled that while she had to purchase the vehicle sticker, she was justified in not displaying it.

Even though the joints ran night and day, they sought still longer hours. A move was made to amend the local liquor laws to extend hours. Under constant stimulation of the Citizen's Committee for Better Government, Parent Teacher Associations, Woman's Club, Property Owner's Association, City Planning Commission and Churches joined in protesting the existence of the street and the newly passed ordinance extending the hours. First ward aldermen Lawrence Giovingo and Joe Wilhelm upheld their constituents in refusing the extra hours.

A state investigation turned up vice and degradation on "Sin Strip" which shocked the entire city. The Kefauver committee investigated the vice conditions. Calumet City was dragged into the eye of the television camera and radio reported the proceedings of testimony in a Washington hearing.

Public pressures to close the joints were most active in the mid 1950's and near the end of that span Stanley Bejger lifted some licenses. Following Mayor Joseph W. Nowak's election in 1961 the rest of the Class A license were lifted. Some of the places held out to 1962 and then gave up.

During Stanley Bejger's term Barney Rosinski was police chief. It was during this time that residents in the area adjacent to State St. mobilized and demanded no parking on three streets during the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Bejger placed Linkiewicz then a member of the force in charge of a vice squad which included John Sullivan, Jim Shutoski and Anthony Rybarski. Their task was to investigate the vice joints and make arrests. Cook County and State Police mad raids on the strip. When the strip was finally put out of its wide open business practices some 800 people were put out of work. Some of the big clubs had as many as 15 strippers, dancers and B girls on a shift. Some were going 24 hours with crews working in shifts.

The pressures were really on for a clean-up.

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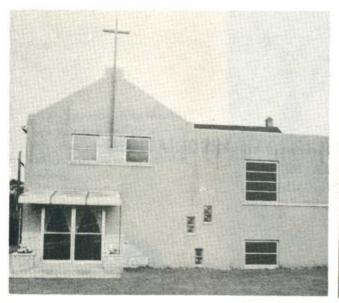
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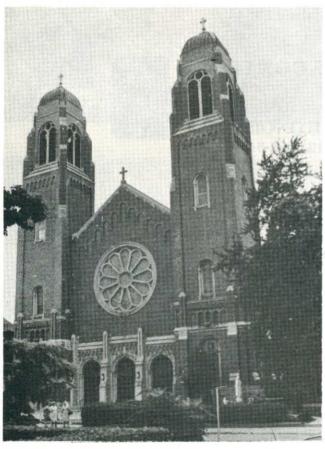


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Calumet City A City On The Move

What is the future of Calumet City? This question was asked of Mayor Joseph W. Nowak and he supplied this concluding statement for this history of Calumet City.

"Calumet City's future will be determined by the desire of its people to work for a first class type community. A city is judged by its ability to provide, both in quantity and quality, the services that are essential in a complex modern society.

"Calumet City today has certain assets that must be expanded and developed in order that it may become a leader in the south surburban area. Unlike some of its surrounding neighbors, our city does have a full time fire department, police department, street and sanitation department, building department, water department, a full time library staff, and a full time health center staff.

"The future needs of our city require that we construct fire station facilities to the south and west sections of the city. In addition, all city services should be developed and expanded to meet the needs of a growing city.

"A realistic comprehensive city plan should be adop'ed as soon as physically possible. The current Zoning and Building Codes are inadequate for present day needs and must be reviewed for proper changes to upgrade the city.

"The storm relief sewer system is inadequate. The present system was planned many years ago and history has proved the system must be expanded to meet the present and future requirements of the city.

"Calumet City must solve the problem facing most communities that of proper disposal of solid waste. We can no longer go back to the practices prior to 1961 where the refuse trucks littered private property without authority of the real estate owners. The city must establish a legal sanitary land fill program in order to solve the problem of waste disposal.

"The civic organizations and its leaders should initiate programs to encourage the various school boards in our city to effect the necessary changes in order to bring about the consolidation of our school districts. The people should be given an opportunity to vote on this question.

"With continued support given by the people of our city, I envision Calumet City as the leading community in commercial, residential and industrial development in the South Cook County area,"

Calumet City's strategic location between Chicago and Gary in the 'heartland' of the industrial Calumet Region has brought both prosperity and problems to the community.

"Calumet City is unique - not for what it was, but for what it has become--a city on the move."



Mayor Joseph W. Nowak delivers the annual Memorial Day address on the veranda of the Calumet Memorial Park. Left, Commanders Edward Bliznik of Ehinger Bros. VFW Post 8141 and John Muszyki, Calumet Memorial Post 330 American Legion.

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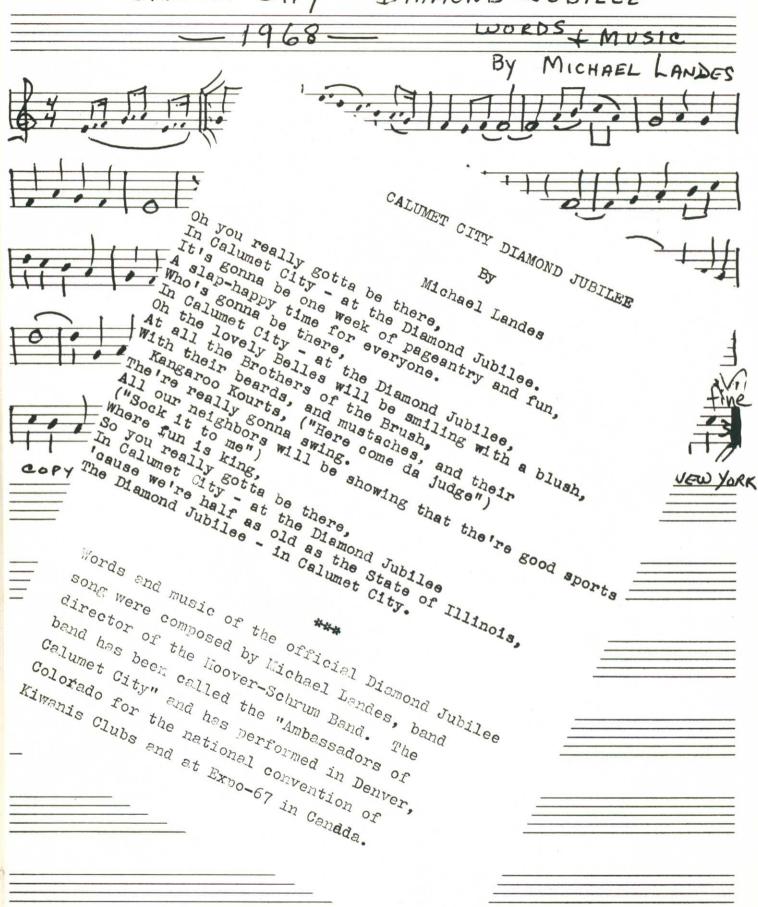
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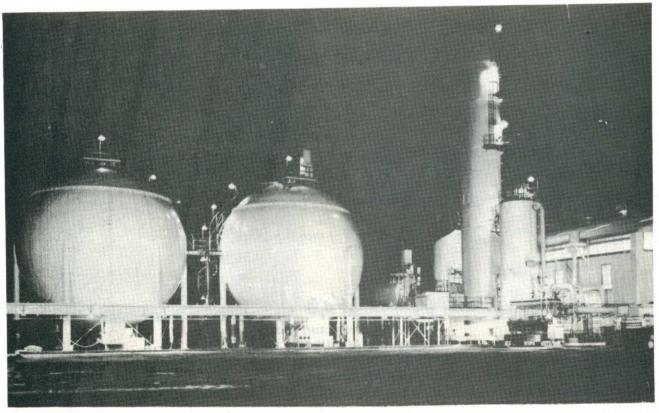
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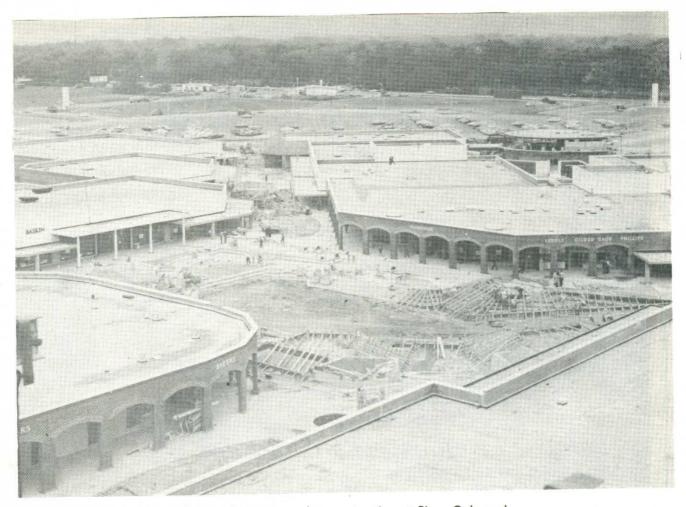


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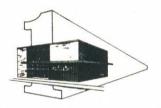
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Reviewing dedication program of Wentworth Junior High School Sept., 1967, are left, Valentine Lewandowski, trustee, Mayor Joseph W. Nowak and Rep. Jack Walker, majority whip of the Illinois House of Representatives.

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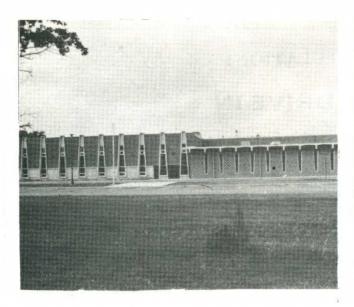
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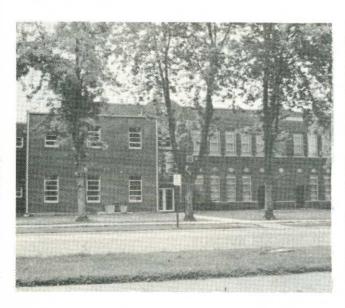
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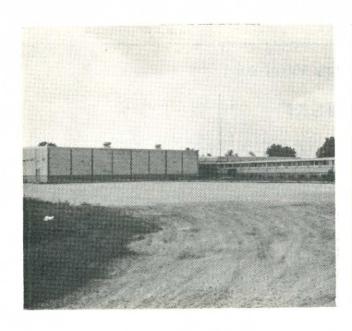
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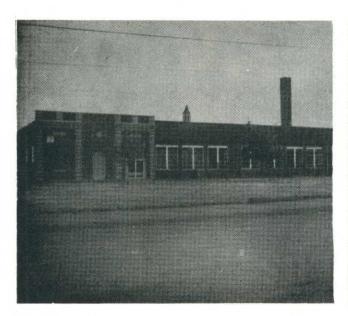
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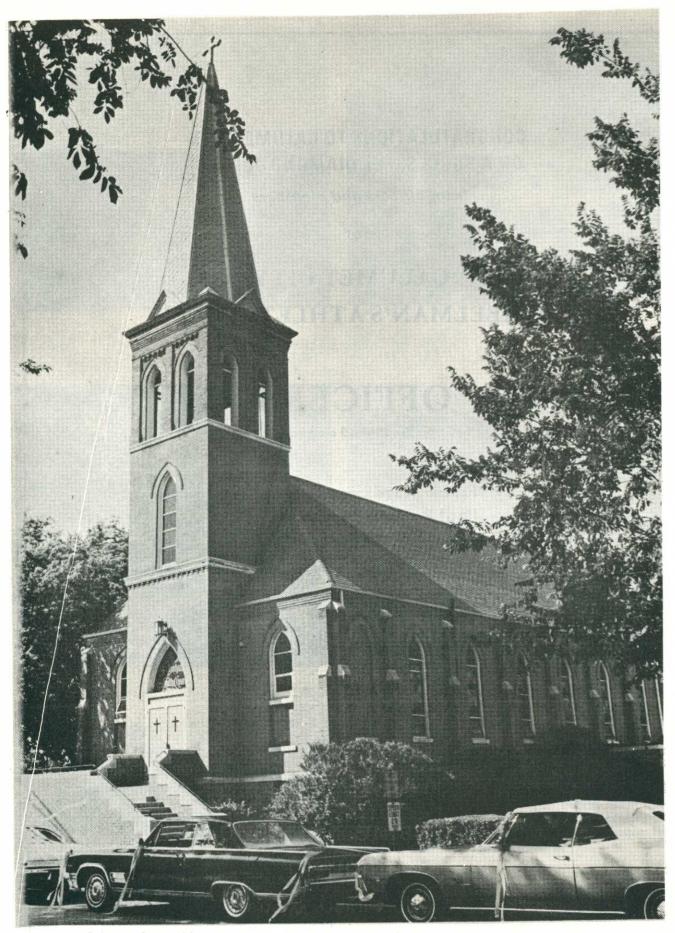
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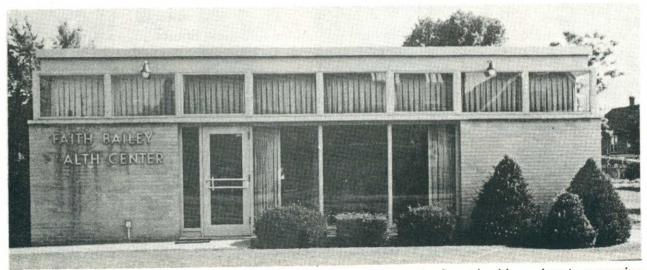
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